
February 2017 Newsletter

WELCOME

Please mark your calendar to welcome our new Interim Minister, Rev. Thomas Williams on Sunday, February 5, 2017. Rev. Thomas and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Whitefish Bay, which is located near Milwaukee.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Peace Church Women's Guild was originally founded as the Women's Society in 1898. On January 18, 2017 the Guild met and regretfully decided that we were unable to continue this tradition.

All the women of Peace have supported and worked hard for the Guild and this church for all these years including bazaars and other activities.

The money remaining in our treasury will be used to pay for expenses the Guild normally paid for to benefit our congregation until it is gone.

Lillian Kuchenbecker has graciously volunteered to handle the checkbook for us. The \$4,697.57 will be used to continue to pay for the copier maintenance contract, paper products, kitchen supplies for coffee hour, funeral needs, oil for the altar candles, cleaning of altar cloths and cleaning of acolyte gowns for 2017. The rest of the monies will be used as other needs arise for Peace Church until the checkbook is depleted. Lillian is the contact person in charge and she will contact others as needed.

The Funeral Committee will function pretty much as it has in the past. Volunteers will fill the leadership positions to continue this needed function to the grieving families of Peace membership. Jane Kopidlansky and Lois Schwahn will lead the funeral committee from January to May 31, 2017. They will coordinate all funeral dinner activities during this time and contact others for help using the existing Number one and Number two committees as needed.

As for other functions I encourage anyone who has a new or old idea to help Peace raise extra money, please contact another church member or a council member and see what can be accomplished.

So, a bazaar, Easter breakfast, etc. could happen, it just needs members encouraging each other to step forward and lead.

I personally want to pass along a special thanks to all the ladies, past and present who have worked so diligently and faithfully for Peace Church.

Jane Kopidlansky – Guild President

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, February 19th immediately after the 9:00 a.m. worship. Please take this opportunity to attend this important meeting. It is your right and privilege to vote for our open positions on the Council, Pastor/Parish and Endowment committees. See you there!

If anyone is willing to serve on the council, pastor/parish or endowment committee, please contact Carla Zander as soon as possible.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 5, 2017

9:00 a.m. Worship (Welcome to Rev. Williams)

No Sunday school

10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sunday, February 12, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Mini-Missions

Sunday school

10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sunday, February 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – Sunday school

10:15 a.m. – Annual Meeting/Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. Worship – Sunday school

10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

THE 2016 ANNUAL REPORTS will be available in your mailboxes shortly.

ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for February 19, 2017 immediately after Worship.

FINANCIAL GIVING

January 1-28, 2017

Sunday school Children - \$25.06

Loose Collection – \$79.50

General Fund - \$3,163.00

E-giving to General Fund - \$2,506.50

Initial Offering - \$58.00

Bulletins - \$60.00

CHICKEN FRY – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Sunday, April 23, 2017
Serving from 11:00 a. m. – 1:00 p.m.
Carry-outs are available

Prices:

Adults (1/2 chicken) \$12.00
Children ages 12 & under only \$6.00

THANK YOU RECEIVED FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

“As we come to the end of a year, and plan for the new year, we are so thankful for all the churches in the area that support the local food pantry. The donations of cash, food, the Ecumenical collections and those who gifted us through the Soup and Substance offerings have helped us to feed the needy. They all appreciate your generosity. God bless you!

Your kindness helps us to accomplish our mission, which is to respond to the Christian calling to find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived, so we may bring them Christ’s love. We couldn’t do this without the support of all our very generous benefactors.” Julie Vondrachek, St. Vincent DePaul

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12 – Mini Missions of “Road to Jericho” – Please read Mission & Outreach information regarding this project

February 12 – Council Meeting immediately after worship

February 19 – Annual Meeting after Worship

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 4 – Karla Miller

February 5 – Steve Miller

February 5 – Alijah Stackhouse

February 6 – Jane Kopidlansky

February 6 – Reina Eijjtjes

February 10 – Barb Kesler

February 12 – Paul Cooney

February 17 – Todd Hillmann

February 17 – Lenroy Haese

February 18 – Ken Kuchenbecker

February 21 – Treyton Krahn

February 24 – Timothy Kuchenbecker

February 25 – John Seefeldt

February 26 – Lacey Kalies

February 28 – David Van Deraa

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 2 – Tim & Hilde’ Krahn

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Grades Pre-School – 2

February 12 – Jane Kopidlansky, Lacey Kalies & Ashley Eickert (Both classrooms together)

February 19 – Jane Kopidlansky/Greg Loose

February 26 – Amber Horn-Leiterman/Dara Schuh

Grades 3-6

February 12 – Jane Kopidlansky, Lacey Kalies & Ashley Eickert (Both classrooms together)

February 19 – Becky Schneider/Jacob Schneider

February 26 – Becky Fischer/Joselyn Heritage

GREETERS

February 5 – Chad & Janel Klika Family

February 12 – Ashley Eickert Family

February 19 – Dave & Sharon Van Deraa

February 26 – Roger & Lois Schwahn

ACOLYTES

February 5 – Madeline Cooney & Jacob Schneider

February 12 – Joshua Schuh & Derek Vande Hey

February 19 – Nick & Nathan Loose

February 26 – Rachel & Jacob Fischer

SUNDAY HELPERS

February 5 – Carla Zander

February 12 – Dawn Voight

February 19 – Carla Zander

February 26 – Todd Schneider

COFFEE HOUR

February 5 – **need volunteers**

February 12 – **need volunteers**

February 19 – annual meeting

February 26 – **need volunteers**

LAY READERS

February 5 – Chad Klika

February 12 – Ashley Eickert

February 19 – Cindy Riha

February 26 – Karla Miller

CONFIRMATION PARENT HELP OUT

February 1 – Krahn Family
February 8 – Barth Family
February 15 – Aplin Family
February 22 – Williams Family

USHERS

February 5 – Chad Klika
February 12 – Lois Schwahn
February 19 – Tony Reese
February 26 – Karla Miller

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Love Baskets:

Many notes continue to come into the church expressing deep appreciation for the baskets of love sent out in December. We will share partial messages with you in the upcoming months.

- Thank you so much for the love basket – all the tasty homemade goodies! You bring sunshine in my life.
- Thank you for your special Christmas gift. You're nice people. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers and wish you a significant 2017.
- Thank you for the basket with all the homemade goodies and the gift card.
- Everything was terrific! Thank you so much for the gift basket.
- Thank you so much for bringing over the gift basket from your church and please tell them thank you also. How very thoughtful of your church to do that, I never heard of that before. Take care.
- Thank you so much for the love basket! What an unexpected and generous, thoughtful gift. We love the labors of love that were in our baskets. You delivered hope and love to us most importantly. What an amazing ministry Peace offers to those of us that are having a tough year. We are so grateful.
- Friends of Peace UCC: Thank you very much for the basket of goodies. I appreciate you thinking of me and praying for me and my family. Blessings.
- Thank you, I really appreciate the thoughtful gift this time of the year. It brought a smile to my face, Merry Christmas.
- To my friends at Peace Church – a special thank you for the lovely Love Basket that came my way. Again, Thank you!
- Thank you for caring.

- Thank you for the wonderful basket. We really liked the goodies.
- Thank you sincerely for the terrific Christmas Care Basket. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in including fruit, cookies, candies, nuts, a Subway gift card and other goodies. I have been challenged at keeping my cancer in remission. Courtesies and prayers such as yours have helped immensely. The good doctors are now moving me to a new chemotherapy. May God bless you all. Merry Christmas.
- Thank you so much for the gift basket. It was filled with so many wonderful goodies. I truly am grateful for your thoughts, prayers and gifts. Your caring hearts meant a lot during this time.
- Thank you so very much for the fruit basket. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.
- Thank you so much for your sharing my grief in the loss of my husband with your lovely and good gift basket. It was much appreciated and enjoyed and nice to know others were thinking of one at this time.
- Surgery went really well and I continue to get better day by day! Thank you for the gift basket.

Mini-Missions:

January Mini-Mission "Food for the Poor"

The January mini-mission collected money for the Food for the Poor Ministries in the Caribbean and Latin America. With the help of five excited boys (Nathan S. Grant, Trent, Mason and Nathan L.), they collected \$67.75. The Mission Committee rounded this up to \$100.00. This means at 6 cents a meal, Peace UCC provided 1,667 meals for the hungry in this region. This organization not only provides food for the poor, it also helps with building houses and making sure that the people in this area have clean drinking water. Thank you for our generosity.

February Mini-Mission "Road to Jericho"

Last October Outer Limits in Forest Junction and its board of directions met to discuss a need that occurred in our community. A high school student became estranged from his family and had nowhere to spend the night. Gary Schultz from "Outer Limits" with the help of Father Brandt and Pastor Richard Andrus found a place for him to stay. Then the discussion began. What will happen if this occurs again? This is when the board of directors at "Outer Limits" decided to create a fund that will be used for these emergency situations. This is a great mission to help those in our community who are in need of immediate help.